

A Brief History of the Court

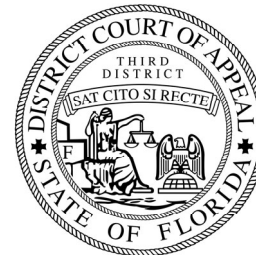


In 1957, the Florida Legislature created three district courts of appeal to assume a portion of the appellate jurisdiction of the state court system. The Third District Court of Appeal, located in Miami, was assigned a territory that encompasses Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.

The Third District first convened in 1957 at the University of Miami School of Law. From 1960 to 1976, the court was located in the State Office Building on Northwest 12th Street. In 1972, Miami-Dade County deeded to the State three acres in Tamiami Park along Southwest 117th Avenue, for the purpose of constructing a building to house the Third District Court of Appeal. Construction began in 1974 and Governor Reubin Askew dedicated the current building in the fall of 1976.

In 1981, Governor Bob Graham presented the court with the Governor's Design Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in the development of public facilities. The South Florida Chapter of the American Institute of Architects recognized the courthouse as one of 20 noteworthy public buildings in Miami. To keep pace with the growth of the court, a new wing was added in 1990, and in 2015, a new construction project was initiated to upgrade failing core systems and to renovate public areas to address security, life-safety and ADA requirements.

Originally, three judges—Chief Judge Charles A. Carroll and Judges Mallory Horton and Tillman Pearson—comprised the Third District Court of Appeal. As the population and caseload increased over the years, additional judges were appointed. Ten judges now make up the court.



INDUCTION CEREMONY

**TO FORMALLY ADMIT CANDIDATES
INTO THE FLORIDA BAR**

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

10:30 a.m.

THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

**2001 S.W. 117th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33175**

THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

CHIEF JUDGE IVAN F. FERNANDEZ

CHIEF JUDGE-ELECT THOMAS LOGUE

JUDGE KEVIN EMAS

JUDGE EDWIN A. SCALES, III

JUDGE NORMA S. LINDSEY

JUDGE ERIC WM. HENDON

JUDGE BRONWYN C. MILLER

JUDGE MONICA GORDO

JUDGE FLEUR J. LOBREE

JUDGE ALEXANDER S. BOKOR

**MERCY PRIETO
CLERK**

**VERONICA ANTONOFF
MARSHAL**

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Honorable Ivan F. Fernandez Welcome
Chief Judge, Third District Court of Appeal

Victoria Wilson Remarks
Representative, Florida Board of Bar Examiners
Motion to Admit

Honorable Alexander S. Bokor Remarks
Judge, Third District Court of Appeal
Administration of Oath to Candidates

Roland Sanchez-Medina, Jr. Remarks
Representative, The Florida Bar Board of Governors

Roger Slade Remarks
President, Miami-Dade Bar Association

Honorable Lourdes Simon Remarks
Circuit Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida

Priscila Ramos Eloy Freitas. Remarks
On Behalf of the Newly Admitted Lawyers

Honorable Ivan F. Fernandez Adjournment
Chief Judge, Third District Court of Appeal

